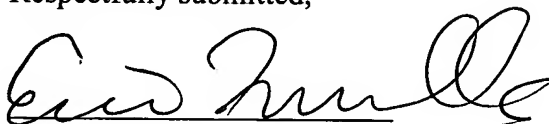


REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application. Applicants have amended the claims to eliminate multiple dependencies to reduce the filing fee. Furthermore, Applicants have amended certain claims to place the claims in a format more suited for U.S. practice.

An early action on the merits of the Application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric J. Franklin", written over a horizontal line.

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